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## Moving In Stereo: Daddy's Junky Music Closes, What Is Left besides Larger Chain Stores?

By Ashley Arseneau

Daddy's Junky Music has been a prominent New England music intuition for 35 years. But unfortunately, they recently had to close their doors due to financial stress. At its best, the chain had 20 stores located throughout New England and New York, the closest being on Route Nine in Shrewsbury. Like many businesses, daddy's had made pay cuts over recent years and was still struggling. The music chain closed its door suddenly for good on October 26.

It is more popular, and helpful for the local economy, than ever to shop and keep ones business local. However

how can someone do that when all the small stores in their area are closing? Now that Daddy's has closed, the real question is, where will New England musicians go besides major chains for equipment and supplies? Right here in Worcester, there is Union Music on Southbridge Street, just a few minutes from Worcester State University. The store has been family owned and operated since 1900 according to owner Carl Kamp. He said the store started on Front Street when it first opened, moved to Main Street for some time then moved to the current Southbridge Street location. He is the third owner of the store, the first owner was his grandfather, and the second was his father.

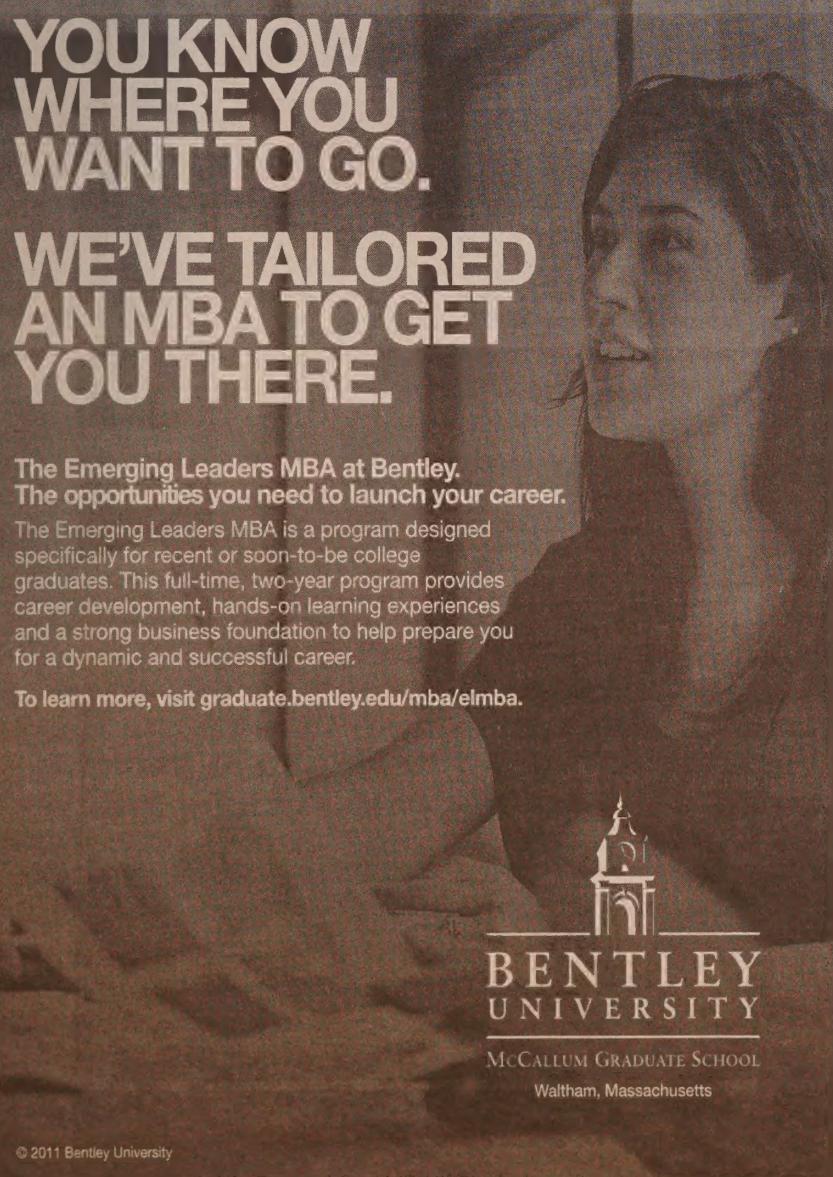
Kamp said the store offers many services beyond just instrument sales. "We also offer instrument repair, rentals, consignment of instruments, and instrument instruction," he said. Instrument instruction is offered for all instruments Kamp said and as there are 15 instructors on staff students do not have to sit forever on a will not be placed on a long waiting list.

Also, Union Music is not a chain store, not even a small chain, like Daddy's was. This allows for the small, local business effect one may not be able to find at a larger chain store such as Guitar Center. When asked what his store can offer compared to bigger chains, Kamp said

that they can offer a more personalized experience and it is not out of the ordinary for them to offer custom orders. "Most staff members have years of experience, are knowledgeable and have been here for many years," the owner said.

Union Music is located on 142 Southbridge St. Worcester and can be contacted at 508-753-3702.

*Editor's Note: Moving In Stereo is a column that appeared in the late 1970's and early 1980's in the Student Voice. This is an attempt to bring the all things music column back. Anyone with ideas or column suggestion please email us at: [studentvoice@worchester.edu](mailto:studentvoice@worchester.edu).*



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## Student Org Spotlights: Dance Company and SEC

By Amanda Babb

Worcester State University (WSU) has many clubs and student organizations someone could get involved with. However unless you or someone you know is already involved with a group you may not know what the world of WSU student activities has to offer.

The Dance Company is comprised of about 100 students, making it the largest student organization on campus. They host 13 classes, taught by other students, and they are hoping to expand the number of classes next during the Spring 2012 semester. The Dance Company kicked off the fall semester with the Homecoming Pep Rally, performing, and hosting games and giveaways. They also hosted in a Master Class with Elizabeth LeTendre (who was on Season 3 of American Idol), and Freeflow

(from Phunk Phenomenon) who taught contemporary jazz and break dancing.

Soon, the Dance Company will be performing in a show called WE SPEAK UP. It will be on Friday, December 2 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 4 at 2 p.m. in the Sullivan Auditorium. Tickets are only \$3 for students and \$5 for non-students. As a bonus, one dollar from each ticket will go to the SGA Auction.

The Student Events Committee is responsible for setting up various student activities throughout the semester. They put on a variety of events, like lectures (the Real Fighters event with Micky Ward and Dicky Eklund), comedy shows (The Dave and Ethan Comedy Show), trips (earlier in the semes-

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ter they sponsored a trip to Lake Compounce), contests (they co-sponsored the Mr. Woo State Pageant), and themed events (the "Are You Afraid of the Dark?" Halloween event).

All of these events are free, and they typically offer free food during them. Some upcoming events include Fear Factor (held on December 1), and the Battle of the Brains (look for this in the spring).

Chairperson of SEC, Tara Jacobsen, said, "During meetings, we plan the events and also themed weeks such as Winter Week and Spring Week. As a member, you get to know of all the free events that are coming up plus get first dibs on free t-shirts or any novelties we give away. We meet every Tuesday at 3pm in the Foster Room."

## Movie Review: Moneyball Hits A Homerun

By Joseph Nawn

In 2001, the Oakland Athletics lost to the New York Yankees in the first round of the post season. Between this devastating loss and the start of the 2002 regular season, the Oakland Athletics lost their three best players to free agency. General Manager Billy Beane (played by Brad Pitt) needed a way to still have a competitive team without his three key players despite having the lowest salaried team in baseball. He finds his solution in the saber metric theories of Peter Brand (Jonah Hill) and this is Moneyball.

The biographical film adaption of Michael Lewis' book of the same name exceeded my expectations to say the least. Director Bennett Miller has only directed a few films in his career but he seems to have done well for himself since his last film was the Academy Award Winning film Capote. It has intrigued me even further to want to see the few other movies that he has done. Virtually every aspect from a directing standpoint was perfect.

Bennett was faced with a challenge for this movie because it couldn't really fall into your typical sports film formula. The film instead looks at things from the General Manager's standpoint, the man making the trades, and what happens behind the scenes of the team on the field, as opposed to the usual sports films that concentrate more so on the players. The movie is not all fun and games, however, and is for the most part a very melancholy film. Rest assured, however, that when you are watching Miller's vision on the screen you will enjoy it whether you went into the theater as a sports fan or not.

I'm not going to lie, when I heard that Brad Pitt was going to be in a sports movie with a director I've never heard of I began to think that he was beginning his downward spiral like Robert Deniro did when he began acting in films like *Meet The Fockers* as opposed to the solid-script movies he was usually in like *Goodfellas*, *Casino*, or *Taxi Driver*. However, I put my faith in Pitt's great selection of roles and

alas my faith was not ill placed. Pitt gives a performance that keeps you wanting more every second and he couldn't have had a better co-star than Jonah Hill. This was the first drama that I had seen the "chubby kid" from *Superbad* in and his performance of the shy Yale graduate Peter Brand shows that he can be in the same league as Pitt when it comes to dramatic acting.

The film's score is done by Mychael Danna, albeit you probably are more familiar with his brother, Jeff's work, (in scored films like *The Boondock Saints*, *The Imaginarium of Dr. Parnassus*, *Leaves Of Grass*). Danna uses a very indie approach to a sports film which gives it this great, serious, more dramatic feel on screen. In other words the soundtrack is actually worth buying.

All in all, if I were to rate this movie on a scale of one to five, I'd have to give it a 4. Everything from the

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## WSU Sports In Brief

### Women's Soccer

Danielle Clifford helped lead the women's soccer team to their first-ever ECAC Division III Tournament Championship on November 13. The senior capped off an outstanding career with a goal in their 1-0 win over UMass Boston in the semifinals and another tally in a 1-1 draw with Keene State. In a shootout for the tournament crown, Clifford blasted the match-clinching kick to help give WSU the win.

Clifford, who would earn Most Outstanding Player honors for her performance, was also named the MASCAC Player of the Year. Clifford finished her career with 71 points – 26 goals and 19 assists – for fourth on the all-time list. She also would receive a nod to play in the NEWISA senior all-star game along with classmate Nikki Scott on December 4 at Merrimack.

Coach Kevin Cumberbatch was honored as the Turf MASCAC



WSU Athlete Frank Stephenson - Richard Orr Sports Photography

Coach of the Year for helping the Lancers claim a share of the regular season title and top-seed in the conference tournament. WSU earned a 2-1 win over Fitchburg State in the semifinals before they lost to Westfield State, 1-0, in the championship.

### Men's Soccer

The men's soccer team defeated Fitchburg State, 2-0, on November 2 on the final day of the regular season to earn its first berth in the MASCAC Tournament since 2007. Following a 1-0 setback in overtime to Salem State in the conference tournament semifinals,

the Lancers earned the sixth seed in the ECAC Division III New England Tournament and lost to #3 Castleton State, 2-1, in double overtime to complete an 8-9-2 season.

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WSU Athlete Lauren Daley - Richard Orr Sports Photography

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Sophomore Alex Wolfel paced the offense with nine goals and three helpers for 21 points to earn a spot on the 25-point club. Wolfel also netted both of the squads markers in their win over the Fitchburg State and their lone goal in their loss to Castleton State.

Senior goalkeeper Evan Wilga broke the career record for saves (367) and ended his four years with the fourth-highest goals against average (1.67) and win total (17). For his efforts head coach Jason Willis was named the Turf MASCAC Coach of the Year.

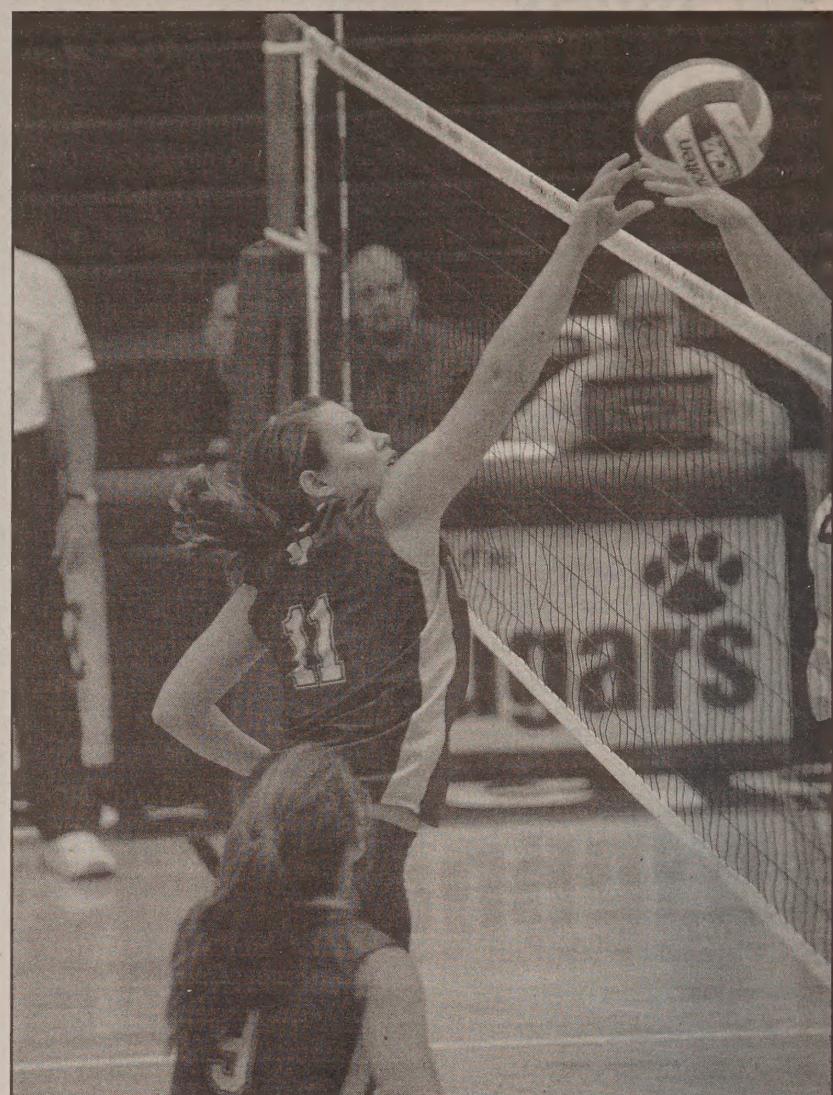
### Field Hockey

The 10-9 field hockey team closed out their regular season with three straight wins to earn their first Little East Tournament bid since the 2008 season. After UMass Dartmouth handed the Lancers a 4-1

loss in the LEC quarterfinals, the Blue and Gold earned the sixth-seed in the ECAC Division III Field Hockey Tournament. WSU would end the season losing in the opening round to tournament champion Mount Holyoke, 8-1.

Senior Samantha Janda broke the single-season record for points in a season (38) with team highs of 15 goals and eight assists. Classmate Sarah Cozzens also was second on the team in goals with 14 markers and seven helpers as Lauren Daley finished off her Worcester State career with 20 defensive saves – including eight this year.

The team broke the school record for defensive saves in one season (17) as they received one each from senior teammates Molly Cotter and Haley Erickson in their setback to Mount Holyoke in the ECAC's.



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### Football

The football team finished off their first winning season since 2004 with a 26-6 setback against Salve Regina in the ECAC Northwest Bowl on Saturday, November 19. They ended the year with an 8-3 record.

The Lancers had 10 student-athletes named to the All-NEFC Bogan Division team including senior Tony Tokarz ended his Worcester State career with 4,604 passing yards and 46 touchdowns while classmate Marcus Price broke the single-season rushing yard record with 1,230 yards. Fourth-year Ray St. Laurent also led the conference with 10.5 sacks and teammate Cliff Oratokhai tied for the league lead with six interceptions.

Freshman Tyler Asum was named the Bogan Division Defensive Rookie of the Year while head coach Brien Cullen earned his fifth Coach of the Year accolade.

### Women's Volleyball

The women's volleyball team ended a 13-17 season on a high note as they reached their second-ever MASCAC Tournament champi-

onship game. The third-seeded Lancers upset #2 Framingham State, 3-2, in the semifinals before they dropped a 3-0 decision to top-seed Westfield State in the finals.

Junior Becky Lebel led the squad in kills (203) as sophomore Vicki O'Brien put up the second-highest dig total (267) since statistics were first recorded in 2003. Senior Joanne Griener handed out 627 assists and she ended her career with 901 digs, the second-most ever and just six off from the program record.

Head coach Bernie Chase was named the Co-Turfer MASCAC Coach of the Year for helping lead the squad to their fifth-straight conference tournament.

### Ice Hockey

The ice hockey team has started the year at 1-3-1 with a 7-4 win against Suffolk in the first round of the Pepperidge Farms Tournament and a 2-2 draw versus Westfield State.

Sophomore Derek Serbon paces *continued on page 6*

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## The Kindle or the NOOK?

By Erika Anderson

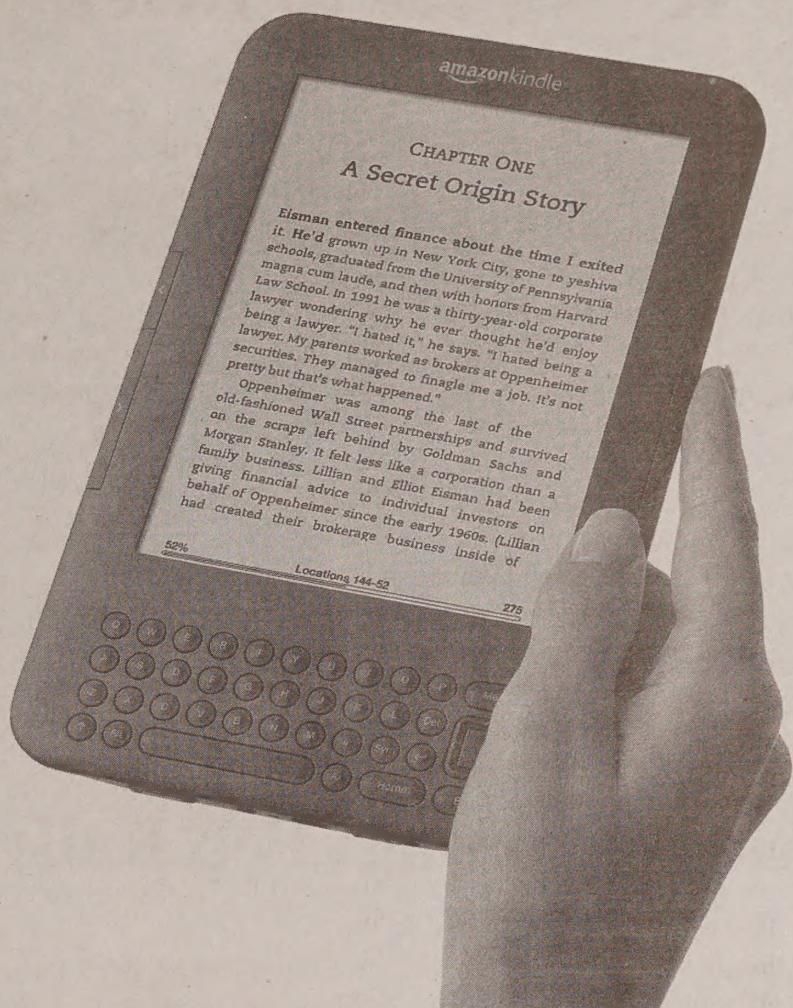
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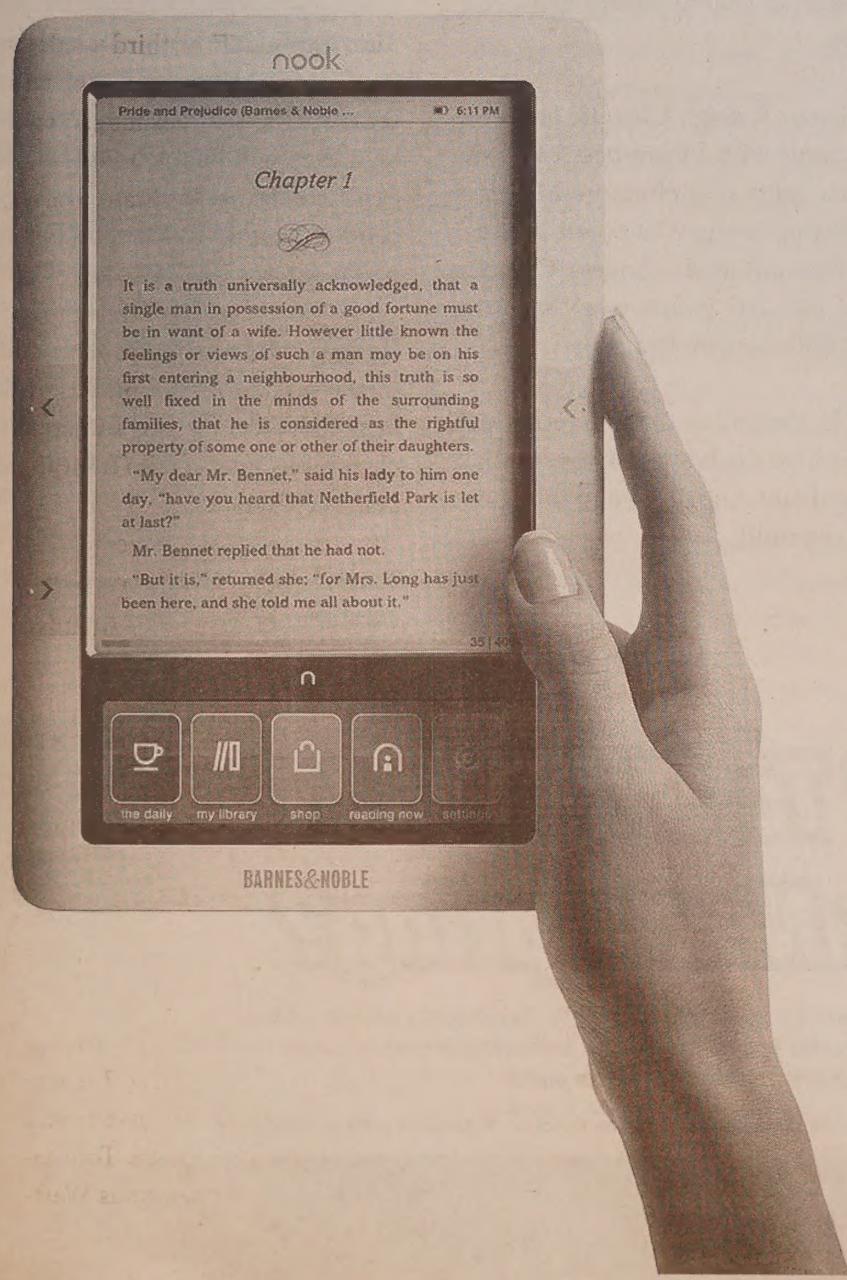
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The Kindle also has a few technology advantages that the NOOK does not have. For instance, the

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## Worcester State Homecoming: Pep Rally

By Justin Hughes

Worcester State students got an official welcome back to an eventful semester from summer! There has already been a two month of classes and midterms have come and gone, but hopefully everyone was not too caught up with schoolwork to enjoy the many events homecoming.

One fun event that homecoming weekend featured was the Pep Rally, hosted by the Dance Club on October 14. The Pep Rally was to initially be held outside Wasylean Hall at 3:00 p.m., but was forced indoors to the halls of the Student Center due to inclement weather. The event started 15 minutes early, and concluded around 3:45 p.m.

A few of the events that were held during the rally were 'The Wizard

of Oz' themed (get it? Because it's homecoming week!). Events included a Wizard of Oz trivia, a pie eating contest, three legged race, and an event where three teams of two wrapped one another up in tin foil as fast as they could to make them look like the Tin Man. Before and after each game, the Worcester State Dance Club gave a performance they organized to keep the energy flowing. On top of that, the universities' mascot, Lancer Man, even made an appearance to show support. Shirts and bracelets, among other things, were given away for free to those who wanted them, and food was free as well.

A minute and a half-length video of the Dance Team doing one of their performances can be found on their official Facebook page.

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the team with three goals and two assists as junior Tim D'Orazio has pitched in with a trio of goals and one helper. Senior netminder Bryan Kalcynski is 1-2-1 and fourth in the MASCAC with a .908 save percentage.

After playing for the PAL cup at Southern New Hampshire on November 26-27, the Blue and Gold finish off their first third of their conference schedule with Framingham State and Plymouth State at Horgan Rink on December 1 (4:30 PM) and December 3 (5:30 PM), respectively, before visiting Salem State on December 10.

### Women's Basketball

The women's basketball team has started the young season at 1-3. This past weekend they defeated Becker, 73-30, before they lost to WPI in the Worcester City Tournament championship game, 53-46.

Senior Kaleigh Charette leads the charge with a team-best 13 points per game as sophomore Meaghan Burns averages 10 points and 6.3 rebounds each contest. Charette is just 105 points away from the 1,000 mark for her career.

On December 2, the Lancers will head to the Wesleyan Tournament and face Anna Maria in the opening round.

### Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team is 1-2 to start off their 2011-12 campaign. They dropped their first two to Nichols, 70-69, and Eastern Connecticut, 68-48, before rebounding with a 83-76 win against SUNY Genesco in overtime.

Fourth-year Frank Stephenson averages a squad-high's of 16.7 points and four assists. Junior transfer Robert Hunter has been putting up double figures with 13.7 points and 11.7 boards per game.

The squad has three games at home in the first semester including Clark on December 1 at 7 PM, UMass Dartmouth on December 6 at 7 and St. John Fisher on December 10 at 1 o'clock. The St. John Fisher contest will feature a fundraiser for Coaches vs. Cancer.

### Indoor Men's & Women's Track

The men's and women's indoor track and field team will start their season with two meets in December. They will compete at the Alden Invitational at Brown on December 3 and at the Harvard Open on December 10.

Both squads look to run, jump and throw well before the winter break in preparation for the conference championships in the middle of February.

**Editor's Note:** All information current as of November 23.

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# Performance Review: The Good Person of Setzuan

By Ryan Kuketz

From Thursday November 17 through Sunday November 20, the Worcester State Theatre and the Department of Visual and Performing Arts presented "The Good Person of Setzuan" directed by Adam Zahler.

The play begins with Wong, a poor water seller, who meets two gods and she does all she can to find a place where the gods can sleep for the night. After asking almost the entire town of Setzuan, a prostitute named Shen Te allows them to sleep in her house for the night. After a good night's sleep the gods go against their normal ways and give Shen Te money as they believe she is truly a good person.

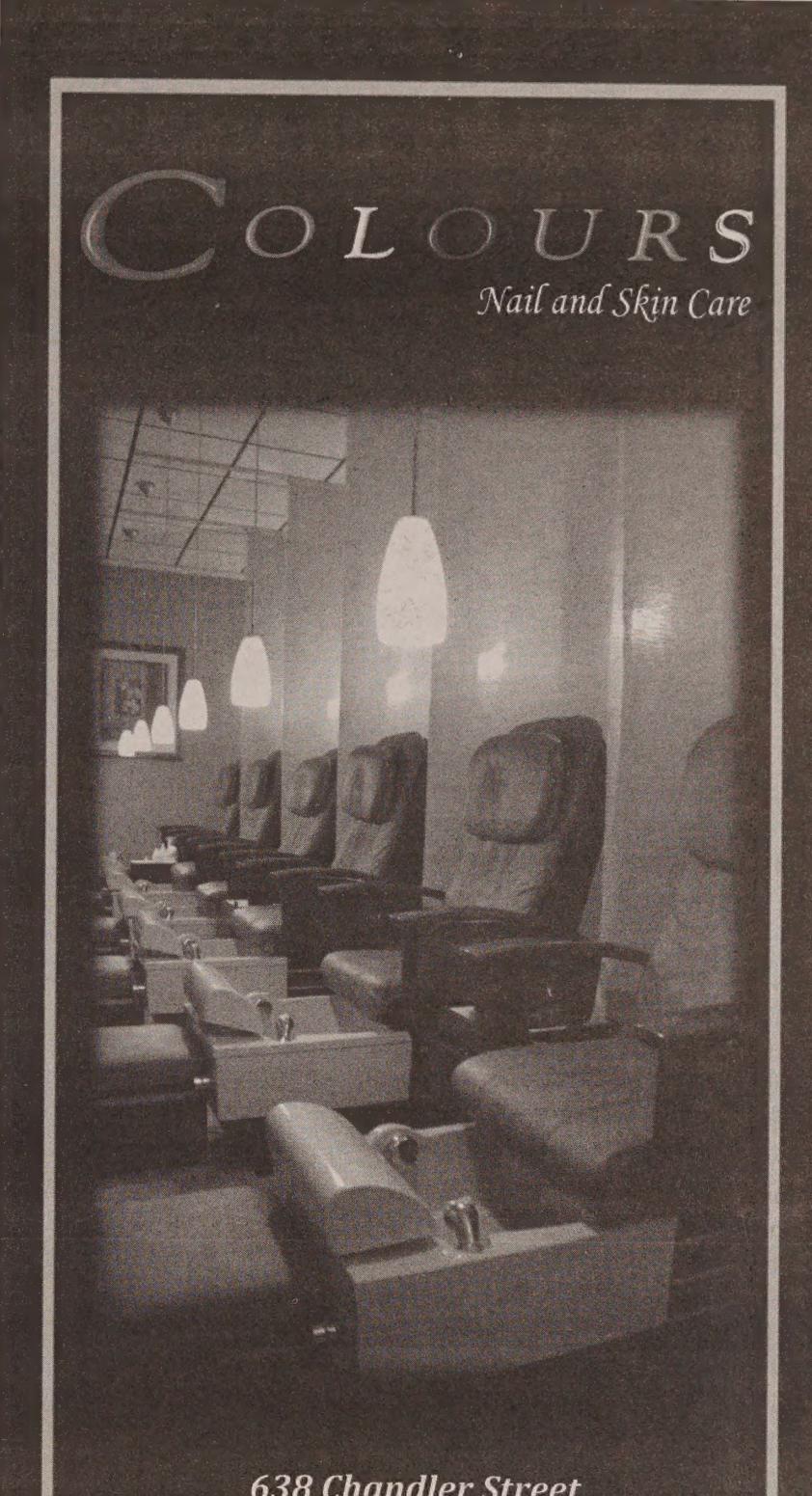
Shen Te uses the money to open up a small tobacco shop, but her plan to run a modest shop alone falls through as her cousins and other relatives hear about the shop and come to live and work with her. Shen Te, who is truly a good person, does not kick them out but instead she creates an alter ego named Shui Ta who claims to be Shen Te's cousin who co-owns the shop. Shui Ta is a strict businessman who does not allow moochers and lays down the ground rules for the family staying.

Shen Te has a very hard time getting respect from others in the town of Setzuan as everyone knows she was a prostitute but with the help of Shui Ta things get a little better for her. Shen Te meets other business owners who lend her money so she can pay the rent for six months in advance that the landowner demands from her to keep her shop open. Shen Te also meets and falls in love with a pilot who is in need of money so he can fly again and Shen Te gives him the money he needs. This puts Shen Te in a sticky situation as she needed to use the money to pay her rent and her world gets crazier as she switches from Shen Te to Shui Ta more frequently and rapidly as the play progresses.

Amanda Hoegen, who played Shen Te and Shui Ta, was outstanding. Whenever she changed from Shen Te to Shui Ta the audience felt like it really was a completely different character. Samantha Abel, who played Wong was also exceptional. She communicated with other characters in the play, the audience and even at one point a stagehand.

One downside to this play was the way the set was designed and the noise from others not directly involved in the scene. At points during the play there were characters to the side of stage playing music quietly. Although it was not supposed to be so loud and distracting while it was happening, it was hard to focus on the scene that was being acted on stage. With the set being three different locations at once performers who were getting ready to appear on a different part of the stage would sometimes make too much noise and distract from the story going on. The play also featured multiple musical numbers that seemed unnecessary. Another noteworthy aspect of the play was the very lifelike puppets and the way they were used on stage was reminiscent of how the puppets in "Lion King" on Broadway were operated. Designed by John Hood, the first puppet seen was a crane that was operated by two people, Trang Le and Sara Penniman. The crane moved in a way a real life crane would and during one scene it interacted with the main character Shen Te. The crane even showed a little bit of emotion while interacting with Shen Te. Along with the crane, there were also lifelike puppets of children. Although it seemed the human puppets were used because there were not enough actors cast, they were still a great feature to the show.

The "Good Person of Setzuan" featured great acting and it was great way to spend over two hours for just ten dollars. The Visual and Performing Arts Department will be putting on a Performance of "Handels Mesaiyah" on December 2 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Worcester.



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cinematography, to the score, to the acting, to the directing, to even the film editing was perfect. Although, I wouldn't classify this film as a cinematic masterpiece like very few films are, I would not be at all surprised if this film was remembered as one of the great sports films of all time. In my opinion, it ranks up there with

other great films like Rudy, Remember The Titans and The Sandlot. By the end of the film you'll agree with Billy Beane when he says, "It's hard not to be romantic about baseball."

# The Kindle or the Nook?

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Kindle has a "text-to-speech" application that allows it to read words to you and can play audio books as well. A more recent update is the "Kindle Cloud Reader" which allows you to read Kindle books both online and offline from your Firefox, Google Chrome, or Safari web browser. You can add, organize, and access your existing Kindle library without downloading any software. This is an interesting and helpful device, especially for people who practically live on their laptops; most students for instance.

An adult student, Tina Bourgeois said, "I bought the kindle to save money on expensive text books as well as provide ease when traveling (not having to carry heavy books)." Look up your textbooks on Amazon and see how much they cost on the Kindle; guaranteed 90% of them are actually cheaper on the kindle then the actual hard copy

textbook.

But the Kindle isn't perfect, Bourgeois says "No page numbers is a huge bummer and the Kindle is also not great for looking at graphs and charts. You can also highlight and take notes on the Kindle but it is very different than having a physical book to flip through. If the textbook is going to be used heavily in a class then I would say no to having the text on your Kindle. For instance, I would not recommend that a Nursing Student purchase an Anatomy book on the Kindle, but I would recommend that a communications major would find it very helpful."

Basically Bourgeois is saying that it's helpful to have the Kindle if you know you will only have simple readings to do, but if you're going to need to be studying your textbook daily, with all the graphs and charts and pictures, then it may be in your best interest to buy the hard copy textbook.

On another note, focusing more on the positives of having a Kindle instead of hard copy books, Patricia Woodbury, a Sophomore at WSU, says it is "cheaper to buy books on the kindle instead of going to the book store all the time." Think of all the gas money you save by not having to drive to buy books. Also, you can just sit in your dorm, or bedroom at home, and download a new book in seconds. When asked whether or not she would recommend the Kindle to other students, Woodbury replied with, "I love my kindle. I would especially suggest it to students on a budget, or who don't want to lug around three reading-for-pleasure books at once."

Both the NOOK and the Kindle have their pros and cons and when it comes down to picking which to buy, it often comes down to which company you are more loyal to. Overall though, when it comes to pleasure reading or simple text readings for

class, an eReader is the right thing to get.

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